

SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting

DATE: January 21, 2009
TIME: 10:00 AM- 11:45 AM
PLACE: **Port District of San Diego**
Administration Building
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
Board Room

Minutes

I. Introductions

Voting Members: *Capt. Debra Marks, Mr. Mark Schouwe, Ms. Robin Blanchfield, Capt. Bill Bartsch, Capt. Mark Taylor, Mr. Gary White, Capt. Rich Goblen*

Non-Voting Liaisons and Visitors: *LCDR Mike Dolan, Capt. Ken Guyer, Ms. Jen Dobbins, Mr. Jack Prescott, Mr. Gerry Wheaton, Mr. Frosty Leonard, Mr. Jeff Beaty, Capt. Josh Gaylord*

II. Minute Review: November 19, 2008

A quorum was not present; the minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting.

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents

- a. Bartsch: There were two incidents and one has to do with the Navigational Piloting aspect. A Navy ship was outbound about a month ago and a cruise ship was inbound on a day with low visibility (fog). The cruise ship never saw the Navy ship but they figure they came within about 100 feet within each other with a buoy in between them. The Navy ship did not have a pilot on the ship.
- b. Another problem was an issue with a car carrier Capt. Bartsch was piloting in Sweetwater Channel. While docking, the tug boat operator accidentally turned the mic off and Capt. Bartsch could not hear him while pushing towards the dock. A wharfinger sprinted to the stern and let them know what was happening so an incident did not occur.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector Update – LCDR Dolan

- a. There was a Federal Register Notice on December 16, 2008 regarding expanding the applicability of Notice of Arrival and departure and automatic identification system requirements to more commercial vessels. The Admiral would like to push down the Notice of Arrival trigger for a vessel that is usually 300 gross tons. This would create more awareness for reporting of vessels. The public meeting will take place on March 10.
- b. Security Zones: The Captain of the Port approved to combine the two security zones in Point Loma. Mr. Gerry Wheaton will chart and send to the Coast Guard. LCDR Dolan will send coordinates to Mr. Wheaton.
- c. Presentation from the Navy on another proposal: The Navy has proposed to simplify and have one safety zone in San Clemente to consolidate a combination of danger zones, security zones and safety zones. The language will be drafted and will be put into a proposed rule.
- d. The Coast Guard will be conducting a Customer Service Satisfaction Survey. LCDR Dolan will provide more information at future meetings.
- e. Fireworks: Coast Guard permits fireworks but has not captured who loads the fireworks, and where the fireworks come from. There seems to be a few gaps in the system. LCDR Dolan is currently working on clearing up the definition of what needs to be regulated.

The Port is concerned about the permitting process as well and is glad that the Coast Guard is taking additional precautions. Disposal of the fireworks is an issue for passenger vessels and LCDR Dolan and Capt. Goben will discuss offline.

- f. Capt. Goben attended the Passenger Vessel Convention in San Francisco; the Admiral attended as well and gave a great presentation.

X. NOAA Update – Mr. Gerry Wheaton:

- a. Coast Pilot 7 is now available.
- b. AIS: Ports in California are now looking into integrating AIS. This is now going on in Florida and some of the problems are being worked out first and then AIS will be tied in with San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- c. CDIP is an offshore buoy that gives wave height elevation in Los Angeles, San Francisco and a number up the coast. CDIP is funded through Scripps. CDIP has become very popular and accurate; CDIP will be integrated into Port programs. The information is very valuable. This will take about eight months to implement. San Francisco and Los Angeles are also interested in having all offshore weather information.
- d. Coronado Bay Fish Enhancement Structure: Mr. Wheaton will get more information and put on the chart. There are two other sites: One in Chula Vista and one off of South Embarcadero. Capt. Taylor will forward Mr. Wheaton the latitudes and longitudes.
- e. Anchorage A8: This has been put in the Coast Pilot. The anchorage is no longer being used and Mr. Wheaton is going to try to put something on the chart so people are aware.

XI. OSPR Update – Mr. Jack Prescott:

- a. A petition has been circulated to remove the Tank Ship Operator position because there are not any Tank Ship Operations in San Diego except in the Navy, which is already represented on the committee. The Committee may not be able to formally remove the position. In the next meeting, the Marina Manager position will be approved.
- b. Some changes will be made in regards to the liaison positions of OSPR. Laura Jansen is the liaison for Port Hueneme/Los Angeles and she will also be the liaison for Sacramento.
- c. Mr. Prescott is amending the next contract to include funding for the Harbor Safety Chair to attend the National Convention in 2010.

XII. Harbor Safety Plan Update – Ms. Robin Blanchfield

- a. Ms. Blanchfield asked the committee to review Chapters 1-5 and received comments before the meeting. In the Best Practices or in the Plan, Capt. Goben requested that MTSA regulated Facilities, TWIC regulations and information and Visitor/Escort requirements be included. The information does not need to be too specific but clear for a person not familiar with the San Diego Port. The Introduction and first five chapters were reviewed and necessary changes were made to the document. The next meeting will include a vote on these changes.

XIII. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Education – Capt. Mark Taylor
 - 1. Capt. Taylor is working on developing a one page document for Pier 32 marina to emphasize Rule 9 and some basic safety issues.
 - 2. A marketing group is involved in working on the Mariner's Guide which should be published by the end of the year.
- b. Navigational Safety and Pilotage – Capt. Bill Bartsch

- i. Capt. Bartsch's report was included in the Near Miss section.

XIV. Staff and Liaison Announcements:

- a. Dolan: Capt. Farris will attend a Harbor Safety meeting in the future.

XV. Next Meeting: March 25, 2009

XVI. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned